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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR SMITH'S VISIT TO BRAZIL

1. DURING HIS TALKS IN BRASILIA WITH GEISEL, THE PRESIDENT EXPLAINED BRIEFLY THAT THE NEW US NONPROLIFERATION LAW CLARIFIES THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THE US CAN SUPPLY NUCLEAR FUEL IN THE FUTURE AND OFFERED TO HAVE AMBASSADOR SMITH RETURN TO BRAZIL TO EXPLAIN IN DETAIL THE TERMS OF THE LEGISLATION SO THAT BRAZIL'S FUTURE NUCLEAR FUEL NEEDS CAN BE MET CONSISTENT WITH US LAW. GEISEL SAID THAT HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO RECEIVE AMBASSADOR SMITH TO DISCUSS THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE NEW LEGISLATION.

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2. THE TIMING AND DETAILS FOR A SMITH VISIT ARE NOW BEING WORKED OUT WITH THE BRAZILIANS.

3. THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT IS NOT TO REOPEN DISCUSSION OF THE FRG-BRAZIL NUCLEAR DEAL. WE BELIEVE IT ADVISABLE TO NOTIFY FRG OF THE SCOPE OF THE SMITH DISCUSSIONS (PARA 1)

TO AVOID ANY SUSPICION THAT THEY WILL BE USED TO ADDRESS THE FRG-BRAZIL DEAL.

4. TO AVOID THE MORE FORMAL NOTIFICATIONS THAT PRECEDED EARLIER US-BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR TALKS, DEPARTMENT PLANS TO ADVISE FRG EMBASSY IN LOW-KEY MANNER OF SUBJECT AND TIMING OF SMITH VISIT TO BRASILIA. SMITH WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY OES DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY NOSENZO, ACTING ASSISTANT LEGAL ADVISER BETTAUER, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO SMITH ROBERT KELLEY. THESE OFFICERS HAVE PARTICULAR EXPERTISE REGARDING THE LEGISLATION AND US NUCLEAR EXPORTS; THEY DID NOT ACCOMPANY SMITH DURING THE NOVEMBER 1977 VISIT TO BRASILIA.

5. EMBASSY MAY DRAW ON ABOVE AS APPROPRIATE IF QUESTION OF SMITH VISIT TO BRAZIL ARISES. EMBASSY MAY RAISE MATTER IN COURSE OF NORMAL CONTACTS WITH APPROPRIATE FRG OFFICIALS IF THIS IS CONSIDERED ADVISABLE.

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